

REMARKS/ELECTIONS

Claims

The September 5, 2006 communication sets forth two purported groups: Group I, represented by claims 1-27, and Group II, represented by claims 28-29.

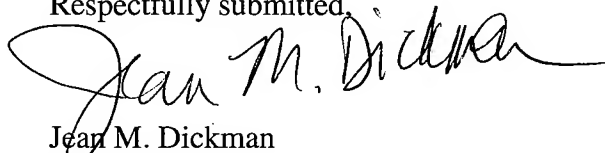
Please cancel Group II, represented by claims 28-29.

Remarks/Elections

Applicants hereby elect for further prosecution of claims 1-27 which are the claims of Group I according to the Examiner's classification. Applicants have cancelled the non-elected claims of Group II, represented by claims 28-29, although Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims prior to the issuance of a patent on those claims elected for further prosecution at this time. An action on the merits is solicited.

If any issue remains that would prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned by telephone prior to issuing a subsequent action. The fee due in conjunction with the present Amendment is submitted herewith. Additionally, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional amount required, or deposit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2112.

Respectfully submitted,



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